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Hongkong, May 1, 1909.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

AN INTERESTING OFFICIAL.
A certain villager from the Shau Tak district took his son named Ah Ku to find employment in the village of Kongkon. The father returned home while the son remained at work. Some time later a military officer came with an informant to arrest a desperado in the village. Not finding the culprit they conspired themselves by seizing the unfortunate Ah Ku. He of course protested his innocence of any crime but was not believed. He was then tortured horribly to extort confession and in the agony he was suffering he confessed himself to be the author of many crimes—all of which of course were fictitious and only invented to put a stop to the torture. Several kind-hearted persons endeavored to bail him but to no purpose.

In the meantime the father had sold his only daughter to raise the money necessary to petition Admiral Li. The Admiral promptly sent an official to investigate the case and found that the poor young fellow was entirely innocent.

The Admiral reported the matter to the Viceroy who at once deposed the worthless official. The Viceroy has also laid down a rule that military officers are in no cases to try prisoners still less to apply torture. Their duty is solely to arrest criminals and hand them over to the proper authorities. The Viceroy's order has been sent to all the officers throughout the two Kwong-Provinces. It is gratifying to know that not only was the official degraded but the informant also suffered degradation.

PLAGUE.

Plague has again made its appearance at Canton in the Ying Ling locality. The reason alleged is, that a certain avaricious person desired to make money by accumulating garbage to be afterwards sold as manure. The residents have sent a petition to the magistrates, to have the fellow expelled from the City.

Plague has also broken out in the Tung Koon District. A few days ago there was a procession and illumination held to drive away the evil spirits who are locally held responsible for the visitation. A ridiculous feature of the procession was a number of small girls carrying a dummy lion and with it performing sundry weird evolutions.

FREE TRADE FOR PHILIPPINES.

Resentment in England.

The Morning Post and the London Daily Mail announce that the Washington Government intends to close the Philippine market to other nations by establishing free trade between the Philippines and the United States.

If such a policy is carried into effect it will mean the utter ruin of an extensive and growing British trade. There is special resentment in Great Britain at the proposal, because the United States gave specific assurances in 1899 that no changes would be made injurious to the old-established British commerce with the Philippines.

An export duty was recently imposed on Philippine hemp. But a full rebate was allowed on all hemp sent to America. Till then London was the centre of the hemp trade.

The United States also declared that all trade between America and the Philippines should be regarded as coastal, and it was laid down that only ships of American register would be allowed to participate therein. Up till that time the trade was largely done by British ships.

There are 20 British firms in Manila alone. The largest import and export firms and the two leading banks are British. The railway is also British, and many of the most important enterprises in the Philippines are backed by British capital.

Business Notices.

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Whilst apologising for unavoidable delay in production of Lithographic and other work, in connection with the above, I beg to inform the public that ALL ADVERTISEMENTS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS are guaranteed to hold good for ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION.

K. A. MASSEY.

Hongkong, March 18, 1909.

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Hongkong, May 12, 1909.

NOTICE.

WE have this day authorized Mr.
ARNE SCHOU SORENSEN, to
sign our Firm per procuratione.
AAGAARD, THORESEN & CO.,
Hongkong, May 12, 1909.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

DURING my absence at any time from
the Colony Mr. WILLIAM DENYS
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W. G. DAREY,
General Manager.
Hongkong, May 10, 1909.

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sufficient support be forthcoming he will be
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Kowloon where horses and ponies can be
shod by experienced Shanhai farriers on
stated days, to be arranged later.
Inasmuch as expense will be incurred
in hiring suitable premises and in fitting up
the forge, the Manager hopes that the
scheme will have general support.
Those desirous of availing themselves of
the above are requested to send in their
names and number of horses and ponies to
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G. W. GEORGE, Manager,
KENNEDY'S STABLES.
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HUGHES & HUGHES, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, May 13, 1909.

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THE Underigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, on

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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

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2 p.m.—Auction of Old Chinese Curios,

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Rooms.

3 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, at No. 1, Austin Avenue,

Kowloon.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, May 17.—

Goods per Sengchow undelivered after

this date subject to rent.

Goods per Polytechnic undelivered after this

date at noon will be subject to rent

and landing charges.

TUESDAY, May 18.—

11 a.m.—Auction of 767 bales Paper, 203

bales Cellulose, etc., at H. K. & Kow-

loon Wharf & Godown Co.'s Godowns,

Kowloon.

Goods per Oosana not cleared at 4 p.m.

on this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, May 20.—

Goods per Sengchow undelivered after

this date subject to rent.

Goods per Sino Maru not cleared on

this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, May 21.—

Goods per Sino Maru undelivered at

noon on this date subject to rent.

Goods per Sino Maru undelivered after this

date subject to rent.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1909.

RAILWAY ESTIMATES.

THE COLONY has been expecting for some

little time past a statement from His

Excellency the Governor regarding the

revised figures of the probable cost of

the British section of the Canton-Kow-

loon railway, and though most of us

were prepared to hear that the estimates

would be further extended few antici-

pated that the figures would be

swollen to the extent indicated on

Thursday. Engineering estimates are

ever fallacious: like the items in the

proverbial builders' bill-of-costs there

is no finality about them; still the

story of the estimates for the little bit

of railway for which Hongkong is

responsible must surely establish a

record. They began modestly with an

estimate by Mr. Bence of \$5,053,274.

On the face of it this calculation was

rough and crude, but the figures

inspired a belief that we might get

a railway built at our backdoor, as it

were, at a very modest cost. Alas for

the vanity of human anticipations. By

June, 1907, a very different tale had to

be told. At that date \$8,003,842 was

the full estimate prepared by the chief

resident engineer, and many months

went by before the public learnt that

even this did not include any provision

for rolling stock or workshops—the

public were evidently to be let down

lightly, lest it grieved and refused to

continue the scheme, though the Colony

were by now so deeply pledged there

could be no drawing back. Very well

then; a suitable time was allowed again

to elapse and at the end of the same year,

December, 1907, a further estimate was

submitted to the Council bringing the

figures up to \$9,860,283. But by

this time the Railway had developed the

acquisitive propensities which tradition

scribes to the Daughters of the Horse-

Leech and with brazen lungs it kept

up its cry of "Give, give." And so it

came about that on May 13, in the

present year of grace, papers were laid

before the Legislative Council of the

Colony of Hongkong wherein was set

forth a statement showing that the lat-

est estimate for the British section of

the Kowloon-Canton railway stood

at \$11,004,128, or \$1,143,845 more

than was estimated in the previous

statement! But still the end is not in

sight for Sir FREDERICK LOMAX, in the

course of his very lucid explanation,

remarked that although the workshops

and other incidental items previously

omitted were now included, "it is still

possible that the land resumption may

not be adequately provided for, as

all matters in connection with that

subject are not yet fully concluded."

This refers, we presume, to the pieces

of land in front of Victoria View where

the terminal station is to be built, but

surely the adjustment of this trifling

matter should not prove such a very

costly matter, even if it is a case of the

Government coming into the market to

buy back its own land. His Excellency

admitted on Thursday that the large

over and under estimates with which

he was dealing were most unsatisfactory,

demonstrating as they did that the

figures previously supplied have not

been reliable, but we imagine that he is

the only man in the Colony, outside the

ranks of the official hierarchy, who

believes that in this particular case

"the mere question of estimates does

not mean a reflection on British en-

gineering." Of course we are ready to

make all allowances for the unforeseen

difficulties which have confronted the en-

gineers, for the difficulties in the way of

skilled labour, unsatisfactory rock for-

mations, treacherous hill-sides, unsuspect-

ed bridge strains, etc., but when all is

admitted, understood and allowed for,

we must be excused if we refuse to pass

His Excellency's condonation unchal-

lenged. To err is human, we admit, but

we fancy that had the Colony foreseen

what the Kowloon-Canton railway

scheme was letting it in for when Sir

MATTHEW NUTTALL first launched it in

Council, far greater caution would have

been exercised in passing the pre-

liminary figures, and a very different

system of building would have been

adopted. Of course the thing cannot be

altered at this late hour; it must proceed,

cost what it will, and the Colony must

dig deeper and deeper into its pockets

until the project is complete. Still the

reflection cannot be avoided that there

will be nothing to be very proud of when

it is finished, from a financial and

administrative point of view. And after

all we must sadly admit that in this very

matter we are but following the good

old British precedent of "muddle." We

have, as a race, been building railways

all over the world these past fifty years

and evidently we have not yet fully paid

for our experience. Truly we are a

marvellous people.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

A native was sentenced to six months'

imprisonment, at the Magistracy to-day, for

returning from banishment.

Fines of \$25 in each instance were

imposed on three defendants, at the

Magistracy to-day, for failing to stamp

certain receipts.

Sergeant Jackson prosecuted the master

of a licensed boat, at the Marine Court to-

day, for carrying eight persons in excess of

the number allowed and a fine of \$25 was

imposed.

Inspector Langley charged the master of

the steam launch Loggan, at the Marine

Court to-day, for failing to observe the

rule of the road whilst under way in the

harbour. Evidence was taken and the case

was dismissed.

Two house boys appeared before Mr.

J. H. Kemp, at the Magistracy to-day,

charged with stealing two gold rings value

\$115 and \$50 in money the property of

Mrs. Weigel of Kowloon. Prisoners were

sentenced to three months' hard labour

each and three hours' stocks.

The reclamation dispute case, in which

His Excellency the Governor is plaintiff

and Chu Ping the defendant, was continued

in the Supreme Court to-day before the

Chief Justice (Sir F. Pigott). This is the

fifth day which has been taken up in its

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DELTA	May 29	MOULTAN	June 26	June 27
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AS-AM	June 12	MAEDONIA	July 10	July 11
DELTA	June 19	MALDAVIA	July 17	July 18
DELTA	June 26	MARTUA	July 24	July 25
SALESTRIA	July 3	MONGOLIA	Aug. 1	Aug. 2
DEVANA	July 10	MARMORA	Aug. 8	Aug. 9

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TJILWONG	JAVA	Do.	JAPAN	Do.
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Hongkong, May 1, 1909.

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Arrive	Changhai	9.30 a.m.	"
Leave	Mukden	7 p.m.	"
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WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:

On the 14th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen over the Yangtze Valley and at the Bonin, and fallen over Japan and Northern and Southern China.

Pressure is low over Manchuria, the Pacific to the S.E. of Japan and over the northern shore of the China Sea. It is high over China to the North of the Yangtze, and over N.E. Japan.

Fresh to strong N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and along the northern shore of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 4.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:

1.—Hongkong and neighbourhood: N.E. wind, fresh or strong; squally, mainly.

2.—Formosa Channel: Same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

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